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27 September 2005  
VIA FACSIMILE

Re: Kazumi TABUCHI  
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Your Ref.: 1152-0275P  
Our Ref.: FPA1-15/01R00019/US

Dear Mr. Gorenstein:

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2005 providing us with a copy of your comments regarding the outstanding Office Action in connection with the above-identified application.

Generally speaking, our client is quite satisfied and agreeable with your comments and suggestions in your letter.

In more detail, our client's comments and instructions are as follows:

- (1) Our client agrees with your proposed new title, "Ink-Jet Printer Purging Device Shared by Multiple Host Machines".
- (2) With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> para., please explain that claims 3 and 4 are supported, for example, on page 10, lines 16 to 23 of the specification, as you suggested.
- (3) With respect to the rejection of claims 1 to 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a), as you proposed, please stress that the features set forth in the base claim of "each host machine includes a printer control means for reading out the completion time for the ink-jet printer at the start of the printing operation" is not shown in the references cited by the Examiner.
- (4) Additionally, as to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, please

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challenge the Examiner by citing legal decisions regarding improper rejections as you recommended.

- (5) As to amendment of editorial nature, please take care of them on your side.

Accordingly, please kindly proceed to prepare and file a response in the USPTO.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,



Eisuke Fujimoto  
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